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**SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS**

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application is a U.S. national stage application of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/052878 filed November 9, 2004, which designates the United States of America, and claims priority to **European German** application number **[[EP]] DE** 103 57 799.8 filed December 10, 2003, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.